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FOR US FORCES IN COMBAT AREA

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1. SUMMARY. FRG DEFENSE ADVISOR CLARIFIED FOR US
RECENT FRG SHIFT TO POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PROVIDING WARTIME
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO US FORCES IN COMBAT AREA, STRONGLY SUGGESTED
NEED FOR MILITARY DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO REFINED GUIDANCE TO US
FORCES AND FRG TERRITORIAL ARMY, AND CAUTIONED THAT DISCUSSIONS
SHOULD BE BILATERAL AND CONFINED INITIALLY TO CENTAG AREA. END
SUMMARY.

2. ACTING DEFENSE ADVISOR (BG SEIGLE) CALLED ON FRG DEFENSE
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ADVISOR (BG SCHUNEMANN) ON 26 AUGUST 1975 TO OBTAIN
CLARIFICATION OF IMPORTANT SHIFT IN FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD
HOST NATION WARTIME LOGISTICAL SUPPORT (REFTEL A)
AND TO EXPLORE BEST MEANS TO ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE IN REFTEL B.

3. SCHUNEMANN REAFFIRMED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A BASIC QUOTE CLARIFICATION UNQUOTE IN BONN THINKING ON FRG WILLINGNESS TO REACH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE WARTIME LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO US FORCES IN WEST GERMANY. HE STRESSED THAT HIS REMARKS WERE ADDRESSED TO LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IN THE COMBAT AREA RATHER THAN TO LOGISTICAL ISSUES TO THE REAR OF THAT AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRESS IN RECENT MONTHS.

4. SCHUNEMANN EXPLAINED EARLIER RELUCTANCE ON PART OF BONN AUTHORITIES AND UNEVEN PROGRESS UNDER LONG-STANDING MOU ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT OF LOGISTICAL AGREEMENTS, AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, MOD AUTHORITIES IN BONN HAD PERCEIVED SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S 1974 SUGGESTION THAT THEY TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE HAWK BELT DEFENSES AND ALSO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THEIR FORCES MODESTLY AS DISRUPTING THEIR PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ARMY, WITHIN MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY ITS ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITY. MOD BONN AND THE BUDESTAG HAVE A CONTINUING AGREEMENT ON A CONSTANT MANPOWER CEILING FOR THE ARMY; THE MOD WAS UNWILLING TO RENEGOTIATE THIS AGREEMENT AND SAW ANY ASSUMPTION OF ADDED PEACETIME FUNCTIONS AS RESULTING IN THE REDUCTION OF COMBAT FORCES. THIS, IN TURN, WOULD MAKE THEIR PLANS FOR RESHAPING THE ARMY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. AS SCHUNEMANN EXPLAINED IT, THESE SAME OFFICIALS CONFUSED THE QUESTION OF WARTIME LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AS SOMEHOW CREATING THE SAME PROBLEM. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY REALIZED THAT IS ESSENTIALLY UNRELATED (EXCEPTING ONLY THE QUESTION OF STAFF PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR PEACETIME PLANNING) AND THEY ARE NOW WILLING TO UNDERTAKE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO EXAMINE HOW SUCH SUPPORT MIGHT BE PROVIDED.

5. WITH RESPECT TO SLOW PROGRESS TO DATE (AGAIN, WITHIN THE COMBAT AREA, NOT IN LOG PLANNING), SCHUNEMANN OPINED THAT US FORCES WERE, UNTIL RECENTLY, FREQUENTLY UNAWARE OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY COULD PREPLAN AND COORDINATE WARTIME SUPPORT FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TERRITORIAL ARMY. ADDITIONALLY, HE REMARKED THAT THE TERRITORIAL ARMY HAD IN THE PAST BEEN A PERSONNEL DUMPING GROUNDS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, A RATHER TORPID ORGANIZATION. MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO CORRECT THIS, BUT THESE MEASURES ARE NOT YET COMPLETED. THE RESULTANT SITUATION, AS HE SEES IT, IS ONE WHICH CALLS FOR AUTHORITY AND REFINED GUIDANCE BOTH TO US FORCES AND THE TERRITORIAL ARMY.

6. SCHUNEMANN WAS EXPLICIT IN POINTING OUT THAT DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT PROMOTING IMPROVED PLANNING FOR WARTIME FRG-PROVIDED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR US FORCES SHOULD PROCEED STRICTLY ON A BILATERAL BASIS. HE STATED THAT THE MIX OF NATIONAL

FORCES IN THE NORTHAG AREA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT PROFITABLY IN THE ARENA AT THE PRESENT TIME. SPECIFICALLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS LEADING TOWARD CLARIFIED GUIDANCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM HEADQUARTERS USAREUR AND BRIGADIER GENERAL SCHUWIRTH, DEPUTY TO ADMIRAL TREBESCH IN MOD BONN. HE ADDED THAT, SINCE THE TERRITORIAL ARMY IS SUBORDINATE TO THE HEERESAMT IN BONN, IT WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE NECESSARY TO ELICIT THE ACTIE SUPPORT OF T THAT OFFICE, PROBABLY IN THE PERSON OF THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL, LIEUTENANT GENERAL VON REICHERT.

7. WHEN ASKED WHY HE RECOMMENDED US INITIATIVE FROM USAREUR RATHER THAN EUCOM, WHICH COULD ADDRESS SUPPORT FOR USAFE AS WELL, SCHUNEMANN IMPLIED THAT US ARMY PROBLEMS ARE MORE EXTENSIVE AND NEED TO INTERACT WITH TERRITORIAL ARMY AT ALL ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS IS ACCORDINGLY GREATER. ADDITIONALLY, HE WAS NOT CERTAIN HOW USAVFE RELATED TO COMBAT AREA, ON WHICH ALL OF HIS COMMENTS FORCUSED. HE WAS CLEARLY INFLUENCED BY HIS PERCEPTION THAT INTERACTIONS IN THE PAST HAVE FREQUENTLY PROCEEDED IN THE ABSENCE OF CLEAR GUIDANCE ON JUST WHAT THE PARTIES WERE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, WHAT PRIORITY THEY SHOULD ATTACK TO THEIR EFFORTS AND WHICH PARTICULAR AREAS OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SHOLD BE EMPHASIZED OR AVOIDED. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE THINKING WHICH HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN BONN, SCHUNEMANN INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH THE QUESTION OF MOBILIZED FRG SUPPORT UNITS ACTUALLY SERVING WITH US UNITS (E.G. AN ENGINEER PLATOON WITH A US BATTALION) AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NO LEGAL BAR TO PLANS FOR SUCH EVENTUALITIES, SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY BE DETERMINED TO BE DESIRABLE.

8. COMMENT: SCHUNEMANN HAS LONG BEEN AWARE OF OUR DESIRE FOR FOLLOW-ON CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED BY ABSENCES FROM BRUSSELS. HIS REPUTATION FOR CAREFUL TRANSMISSION OF FRG VIEWS, COMBINED WITH THE FORCEFULNESS WHTH WHICH HE SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS, MAKES IT CLEAR THAT FRG IS ANXIOUS TO INSURE THAT WE ARE AWARE OF A BASIC SHIFT IN ATTITUDE TOWARD PROVIDING WARTIME LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR US FORCES. END COMMENT BRUCE

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